

(LETTERHEAD OF LOCAL SPONSOR)

(CURRENT DATE)

Ms. Sharon Bond
Chief, Planning Branch
U. S. Army Engineer District, Louisville
P.O. Box 59
Louisville, Kentucky 40201-0059

Dear Ms. Bond:

The (City of _____, Town of _____, County of _____) hereinafter called the "Sponsor", is interested in obtaining Corps of Engineers assistance in an aquatic ecosystem restoration project located on **(Creek, River)** at **(provide location)** under authority of **Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996.** *(Briefly discuss nature and extent of proposal.)*

The sponsor is aware of the following non-federal cost sharing requirements associated with the Corps' aquatic ecosystem restoration projects completed under authority of Section 206. The initial step for a proposed ecosystem restoration project is the preparation of a Preliminary Restoration Plan (PRP). Each PRP is limited to \$10,000, and funded at 100% Federal expense. For Section 206 projects with a Federal cost exceeding \$1,000,000, a Feasibility phase is required. The non-Federal sponsor's share of the costs for all planning and design work, whether done in one or two stages, completed prior to execution of a project cooperation agreement will be initially Federally financed. The non-Federal sponsor will be responsible for these costs when the project cooperation agreement is executed. The total project cost will be shared 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal. The non-Federal sponsor will provide any necessary lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, or disposal areas necessary for the projects. In-kind services may be credited toward the local share. The sponsor will be responsible for all operation and maintenance costs.

The sponsor is aware that this letter constitutes an expression of intent and not a contractual obligation. The sponsor or the Corps may opt to discontinue the project development process at anytime prior to execution of a project cooperation agreement, which occurs just prior to beginning construction.

If you need additional information, please contact: (designee) at (telephone number).

Signed by Chief Executive Officer
And
Legal Counsel for the Government Entity

cc: Louisville District Corps of Engineers
ATTN: Ms. Amy K. Sharp; PM-P (Outreach Coordinator)
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